

Broken Arrow Focus newsletter - December 2020

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Broken Arrow named state's Happiest City

Broken Arrow was recently named the happiest City in Oklahoma by the website [Zippia.com](#). The website rated over 600 cities for all the ingredients for happiness, which include:

- A well-educated population
- Percent of households earning above \$75,000
- Median home prices
- A short commute to work and
- Marriage rates

Oklahoma State Representatives Dean Davis, Ross Ford, T.J. Marti, and Stan May presented a citation of congratulations to City of Broken Arrow officials the Nov. 3 City Council meeting.

Broken Arrow is the fourth largest city in Oklahoma, with an estimated population of over 113,000 people spread out over 61 square miles. Broken Arrow is also home to the third largest manufacturing hub in the state, with many employees working in the energy sector. Residents in Broken Arrow enjoy a high quality of life, characterized by low crime, high performing schools, affordable housing and easy access to many parks and recreational facilities. The City of Broken Arrow sets the standard by providing the best municipal programs and services.

Zippia is a resource site for job seekers who want to empower their career aspirations with knowledgeable data. They have been featured in USA Today, Forbes, Fortune, CNBC and the NY Times, among other leading publications.

Topping out ceremony held at new Fire Station 3



The City of Broken Arrow held a topping out ceremony for a replacement for Broken Arrow Fire Station 3 on Oct. 19.

Located on 23rd Street (County Line Road/193rd East Avenue) north of the Creek Turnpike, the new station will replace an older Station 3, currently located about two miles away on Elm Place north of Jasper (131st) Street.

"We use a great deal of data and research to determine the most effective location for our resources, including this and all future fire stations, in order to maintain quick response times and superior customer service to our citizens" said Fire Chief Jeremy Moore. "We are pleased to see this new home for our firefighters coming one step closer to completion."

Once complete, the new Fire Station 3 will have three bays sized and equipped for modern firefighting apparatus. Reco Enterprises is constructing the station, which will cost about \$3.8 million. The project is funded by the voter-approved 2011 and 2014 General Obligation bonds.

A topping out celebrates the last, and usually highest, beam to be placed in a steel structure, and the beam is usually adorned with a flag, fir tree or both. This ceremony was held in place of a traditional groundbreaking because that was not possible during the initial shelter-in-place order for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Impact series celebrates Manufacturing

At the Oct. 20 Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority (BAEDA) meeting, the City's Economic Development Manager Norman Stephens made his latest Economic Development Impact presentation to the Authority.

In this presentation, Stephens featured the importance of the manufacturing industry within the City of Broken Arrow in celebration of Manufacturing Month in BA, which was proclaimed by the City Council earlier in October. Broken Arrow is the third largest manufacturing hub in Oklahoma.

Daria Heller, vice president of economic development for the Broken Arrow Chamber and EDC, talked to the Authority about the numerous job opportunities, many of which are high-paying, that exist with manufacturing companies in the City. Heller also presented information regarding how the Chamber interacts with these employers, including recruiting to locate or expand in BA, help with recruiting workforce and educating the public about the importance of the industry.

The monthly video presentations are available on the City's website at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/TED](#) and on the City's [YouTube](#) channel.

What to do with leaves

Inundated by fall leaves?

Mulch, bag or compost

Properly dispose of your leaves by bagging, mulching or composting them. Do not blow or rake leaves into the street or storm sewers. Not only this a violation of Section 12-6 of the City Code of Ordinances, but storm sewers clogged with leaves, grass clippings and other debris create flooding hazards.

Green waste can be collected in any trash bag and placed in your trash cart if the bag fits. Extra green waste can be placed into clear plastic bags or paper bags designed for lawn waste.

Residents have a 20 bag per week allowance for green waste outside of the cart. Please note that yard waste set out in a dark bag will be counted as Extra Trash

Permit required for open burning

In order to burn leaves and other yard waste within city limits, residents are required to obtain a burn permit.

The permit can be filled out at the Public Safety Complex, 1101 N. 6th St.

The burn site will need to be inspected and a \$56 fee will need to be paid before burning is allowed.

For the complete process of obtaining a burn permit, visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/BurnPermit](#). You may also contact the Broken Arrow Fire Marshal's office at 918-259-8360.

Protect your home from sewer backups

City of Broken Arrow Municipal Code requires all new buildings that are connected to the City sewer system to install a backwater device.

In addition to this requirement, property owners must install a backwater device for all buildings in which the lowest floor of the building is less than one foot in elevation above the upstream manhole rim.

If your home was built before 1977, you might need one! Call your plumber to make the determination.

See more information regarding backwater devices at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/backwater](#).

City offices closed for Christmas, New Year's

City offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, for New Year's Day.

Trash service on Thursday, Dec. 24, will be collected as usual. Refuse collectors will work holiday overtime on this day.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open. If an emergency call requires the services of Public Works crews in water or streets, employees will be brought in to fix the emergency. The after-hours emergency number is 918-259-8400.

Community Calendar

Events are subject to change. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar](#) for updated events.

Dec. 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 3 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 5 — BA Civitans Christmas Parade 10 a.m., Rose District.

Dec. 6 — Meet Santa in the Rose District 1-3 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Dec. 11 — Movie Night in the Rose District 7-9 p.m. Showing *It's a Wonderful Life* in the Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Dec. 12 — Rudolph Run 8:30 a.m., Rose District. Sign up at [FleetFeet.com](#). Face covering required before and after race.

Dec. 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 17 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 19 — Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Noon-3 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Dec. 24-25 — Christmas holiday City offices closed. No effect on Thursday trash pickup.

Jan. 1, 2021 — New Year's Day City offices closed. No effect on trash service.

Jan. 5, 2021 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Jan. 14 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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